

23. (Amended) A method according to [any of claims 18 to 22] claim 18,
comprising performing said selection in [the] an apparatus [of claim 17] for storing
location based information using a method of storing and/or retrieving location-based
information, the method comprising:

storing, in a distributed network of data storage devices accessible
simultaneously from a plurality of remote user terminals, data defining a plurality of first
localities in relation to which information storage is accessible; and

selecting ones of said first localities to represent second localities for which
information is to be stored and/or retrieved such that:

i) said first and second localities bear a predetermined locational
relationship; and

ii) said first and second localities bearing a predetermined relationship in size
characterised by the step of distributing said indexing nodes amongst a
distributed network of data storage devices accessible simultaneously for users at a
plurality of remote user terminals.

Claim 24, line 1, delete "any of claims 1 to 16 or 18 to 23" and insert -- claim 1 --.

REMARKS


The above amendments are made to place the claims in a more traditional
format.

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